**Fort Hamilton High School**

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**Synthesis Essay**

***Directions:***

This task requires you to synthesize three sources (listed below) into a thoughtful, effective essay of your own. Refer to the sources in support of your own argument. Do not merely summarize the sources; your own argument is vital. Integrate the sources into your essay so that they support your argument.

***Introduction:***

Many people regard physical beauty as a highly valued attribute, often associating it with ideals such as goodness, love and truth. But some people suggest that beauty can be a deceptive mask, a surface condition that hides a person's authentic self.

***Assignment:***

Use the following sources to support, articulate and argue for a viable definition of "beauty" explaining how, based on that understanding, we ought to regard human beauty.

The Bluest Eye, Toni Morrison

"Beauty: When the Other Dancer is Self" Alice Walker

“The Bonsai Tree” Marge Piercy

“Batbie Doll” Marge Piercy

“Onslaught” Dove The Bluest Eye, Toni Morrison

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